

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 52

Directions: Read the passage below to better understand the vocabulary words.

A New Food Experience

Vocabulary Words

cuisine

ravenous

sauteed

amorphous

palatable

upscale

décor

contemporary

chic

a la mode

fetid

connoisseur

tart

bittersweet

crave

Hint: When learning new terms, look for context clues to help determine the meaning. If the sentence you find the word in is not helpful, keep reading to see if it can be understood.

I am a relatively picky eater, but my mother convinced me to give French **cuisine** a try. I waited all day to eat, so I was **ravenous** and ready to try some new food. My mother had me put on my best outfit because we were going to an **upscale** restaurant and we needed to look our best. As we walked into the restaurant decorated with **contemporary décor**, the smells coming from the kitchen seemed **palatable** enough.

As we sat down on a **chic** little balcony, a waiter brought out some bread and cheese spread. I could smell the **fetid** odor of the cheese and did not want to try it. My mother explained that it was actually high-end and something a cheese **connoisseur** would love to sample. I tried a bite and despite its smell, the cheese was delicious. For the main course we were served beef **a la mode**, **sauteed** vegetables, and some **amorphous**, gelatinous sauce that I was not willing to taste. Though I was stuffed, I was excited when the dessert cart arrived. I chose a **tart** filled with berries. The **bittersweet** berries were perfect for cleansing the palette.

I cannot say I am an expert on French food, nor any kind of food, but I do still **crave** a **tart** at least once a week. I am even practicing making my own version of these little treats so I can share with others.

